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The President's Message

By Brian Edmonds

Greetings to you all, due to my dismal failure at weather prediction I will leave this month to Livio or Peter who seem to have the inside running as to what's happening.

Well this month sees a new Raffle situation with Justin /Jeff providing the prizes as opposed to our bottle of wine, it's a new concept and the opportunity is here for you to win items that will save you money in the servicing of your vehicle, be there for the initial draw and see what Lady Luck can deliver. There is also a Club Discount system operating at their workshop for Club Members.

I asked you all at the last meeting to put your thinking caps on and come up with some ideas on things that we could involve ourselves with that would project a "Good Corporate Image" for the Club, well now's the time to give us your ideas.

This month has been a catastrophic strain on the hip pocket nerve what with Insurance, Alternator, Rear Tailgate Door Lock and best of all a new set of Tyres. Best of all I found out something that you probably all know, that the heat of the roads in Cairns leads to rapid tyre wear !!!! I had a set of well known and well publicised American tyres that are openly advertised by some old grey whiskered outback legend to do 60 thou before wearing out. Well mine had done some 32 thou and were down to the wear indicators. On the off chance I rang Mr C....r in Brisbane and told him of my concerns re his advertising. His response was to tell me that the heat in the roads in Cairns had led to my rapid wear!!!!!!! Well figure that out for yourselves, suffice to say my Rover is now sporting a set of Goodyear Silent Armour ATs, looks like a miniature Humvee tyre made in the USA, lets see how they work out.

I will keep this short as Trevor need space to tell you all of "The Big Trip"

My Q Store is open,.... Mick, P. I have a shirt for you, if you can't make the next meeting ring me on 4041 1994.

Do you want me to expand our items to include hats etc.? let me know your wants.

I am happy to don the Q Walah hat and have a shufti at what's available.

Brian has given me another article on rust treatment

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*Next General Meeting is on
Wednesday the 10th February @
6.30pm @ Brother's Leagues Club,
Andersen Street*

and I've not got room for it all - I'll have to split that over a couple of newsletters - Trevor Lowmass

*Any views expressed in this
newsletter are not necessarily those
of the LROCC Committee or Members*

Toyota News !!

First it was sticky accelerators and slipping floor mats that forced Toyota to recall more than eight million cars!

Now the world's biggest car maker has announced the recall in Japan of its flagship vehicle, the Prius.

The recall will affect 200,000 cars in Japan and it's expected to spread to all markets where the hybrid is sold including Australia. Some 400,000 cars.

There have been dozens of complaints about faulty brakes on the Prius. Toyota says the problem is a software glitch which can be fixed in moments.

But the recall of the Prius has further compromised Toyota's much cherished reputation for quality and reliability.

See - Karma does exist! - Trevor Lowmass

Please see *Upcoming Trip Proposals* on page 2

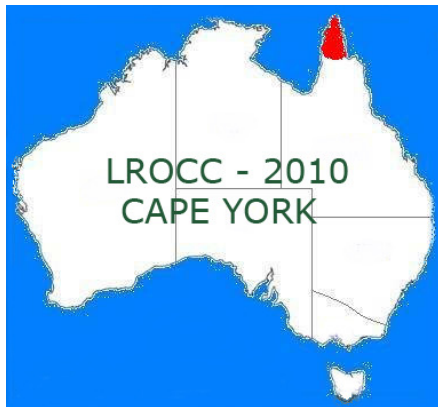
Upcoming Trip Proposals

Trip Co-ordinator – Justin Bromage

Date	Place	Grading	No. of Days	Trip Leader
28 th February 2010	Eubenangee Swamp & Garradunga Pub	1	1 day	Ian Lomas
March 2010	Mt. Spurgeon	3/4	1 day	Stuart Wilson
2 nd –5 th April 2010	Easter Camping @ Palmer River	2/3	4 day	Justin Bromage

'The Big Trip 2010'

By Trevor Lowmass



Trevor Lowmass & Family, Gareth Smith & Christine, John Burgess & Family, Stuart & Leanne Wilson, Martyn Roper & Glen Thompson met at the 'Lowmass Residence' on the 16th January to discuss possible timing and itinerary for the trip.

The two major topics of conversation were 'How Long' and 'When'

How Long

There is never enough time for a trip such as this but a possible itinerary for a 2 week trip was discussed, Leanne had lots of great suggestions for places to visit having spent time on The Cape and still retains a number of contacts in the area because of her current work:-

Day 1 – Cairns to Laura/Hann River
 Day 2 – Laura to Coen
 Day 3 – Coen to Weipa

Day 4 – Mapoon
 Day 5 – Weipa to Twin Falls
 Day 6 – Twin Falls to Seisia
 Day 7 – THE TIP – Lay Day
 Day 8 – Lay Day
 Day 9 – Seisia to Bramwell Station
 Day 10 – Bramwell Station to Chilli Beach
 Day 11 – Chilli Beach to Kalpowar
 Day 12 – Lakefield National Park
 Day 13 – Lakefield to Cooktown
 Day 14 – Cooktown to Cairns

This itinerary is provisional only and would be developed with suggestions from all who attend. It was thought that some members may want to stay a little longer at some idyllic spot on the trip back if they had time.

When

Two possible times were suggested, both school holiday periods but this seemed to suite the majority.

26th June 2010 to 11th July 2010

18th September 2010 to 3rd October 2010

All agreed to think what period suited them best and come to a conclusion as to when to go at our next proposed meeting on the 13th February. Stuart and Leanne have kindly agreed to host this next meeting at their house in Redlynch Valley. They have a Pizza Oven! Bring your own toppings and drinks. Time and address will be advised by email to all those seriously interested?

June/July will be cooler, the roads recently graded and the chance of a few more puddles to splash through.

September/October will be warmer, corrugated roads and dustier.

'The Big Trip 2010'

continued

So what do you all think? Apart from those attending our last meeting, how many more of you are interested? I don't think any of us have firmly committed yet, we all seem to have jobs, family commitments and other time constraints.

It would be great if the Club can finally put this together after talking about it for the past few years.

Can you all let either myself, Justin or Gareth know if you are interested!!!

Rust in Peace

Brian Edmonds thoughts on rusting in our beloved Land Rovers

I decided to help Trevor out with some material for his newsletter so what better subject than Rust in your Rovers

This is the typical Backyard Mechanics way of doing thing and in no way should it be considered against a professional job of Rustproofing, or seeking professional advice on what you need to do to protect your investment.

Firstly you need a Degree or Diploma in Backyard Mechanics, all those of us that ran cars in the 60s and 70s automatically qualify for this achievement considering the troubles we went to in keeping our old "bangers" on the road. Then there is the desire to achieve something that possibly saves a few quid !!!!!.

Secondly a supply of rust combating paints or other fluids, there being several on the market, I am not aware that the well advertised UK brand "Waxol" is available here.

Personally I use Fish Oil or "Knock Out Rust" available from Supercheap. There is another product from the US/UK Company, POR it's called, Dinitrol, it comes in 750 ml cans with a long spray lance to get into those awkward places. I understand this is available from "Sharplift" here in Cairns. There is another product called Cavity Wax in the paint section of the local Autobarn. Replacement panels etc are available from 4 Wheel Drives in Melbourne but no doubt Justin and Jeff

have a better source of supply. Talk to them. There, that's all my free advertising done. No doubt you know of many others.

A Compressor and professional spray gear would be nice. A hoist or pit would be heaven, it would give great access underneath, but if you are like me, jacks, axle stands and ramps have to suffice, ah we peasants. So if you are still interested read on.

Then there is the usual supply of paper, to cover the ground from spillages etc, rags, wire brushes, sandpaper, a handful of spanners and some elbow grease, [half a bucket will do !!!,] liberal supplies of Coffee etc. [An understanding spouse/ Wife/ Significant Other will be essential for this exercise.] Fine weather is essential if you don't have the benefit of a garage. One thing I have found useful for getting into odd places is a thing called "Lube Tube" it is a meter long lance that fits on your spray can. [ACA Products, www.lube tube.com.au. PO Box 6248 Mooloolah 4553.]

Ok that takes part of the items needed, you may well have others so if you do let me know I am always on the look out for new items that help me preserve my vehicles or for that matter something that makes any job on a Rover easier.

***Rust in Peace** will be continued in next month's newsletter*



This is what remains of a Series IIA when all the steel has rusted away!! – heed Brian's further advice in the next newsletter

Interested in joining the Land Rover Owners Club of Cairns FNQ – LROCC

Call either:

The President – Brian Edmonds – 4041 1994

The Secretary – Ian Lomas – 4054 4662